Plan outlay for Railways

1142. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the total outlay for Railways in the Tenth Plan;

(b) whether the investment in Railways declined from 10.3 per cent of total outlay in the Fourth Plan to 5.3 per cent in the Ninth Plan; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Tenth Five Year Plan outlay for Railways (2002-07) as approved by the Planning Commission is Rs. 60,600 crore.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The investment in Railways during Fourth Plan was not 10.3% of the total outlays but only 5.9 %, which has marginally reduced to 5.3% in the Ninth Plan.

Warning system at rail crossings

1143. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways propose to install warning system at rail crossings to check mishaps;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the rail tracks where this device would be installed to begin with; and

(c) Other measures which are proposed to control rail accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To begin with, Train Actuated Warning device based on Axle detectors are planned to be provided at 90 level crossing gates, 70 manned and 20 unmanned, to warn road users about an approaching train over East Coast, Northern, North Central, North Eastern, North Western, Southern, South Central and South Eastern Railways.

(c) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and adoption of new measures to imporve safety is a continuous process. The measures

being taken by Indian Railways to improve safety include adoption of suitable and modern technology for signalling interlocking system, upgradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of overaged assets, upgradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precautions and provision of Anti Collision Device. Indian Railways have also formulated a Corporate safety Plan for the period of 2003-2013, which has already been presented to the Parliament.

Projects of rail lines in North-Eastern states

1144. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4446 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2003; and state:

(a) the present position and progress of projects;

(b) the likely date to their completion; and

(c) whether adequate resources will be made available for completion of these projects on a time-bound schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b)

S. No.	Name of the Projects	Length (In Kms)	Anticipated cost (in Rs. Cr.)	Proposed outlay (2004-05) (Rs. in cr.)	Present status with target date of completion where-ever fixed.
1		2	3	4	5
1.	Jiribam-Imphal (Tupul) new line	97.9	727.56	3	The work of new line has since been included in Supplementary Demand for Grants 2003-04. Final Location Survey is being taken up.
2.	Harmuti-Itanagar	33	156	2	Preliminary geo-technical report for the new line from Bedeti to Itanagar, submitted by Geological Survey of India is under examination at railway's level.